

Report of the Strategic Director Place to the meeting of Bradford East Area Committee to be held on 6 March 2023.

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Subject:

HIGHFIELD ROAD, BRADFORD, TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - OBJECTION

Summary statement:

This report considers an objection to recently advertised proposals for traffic calming measures on Highfield Road, Bradford.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

It is expected that there will be no disproportionate impact on Equality & Diversity from the project recommended for implementation within this report. The council has considered its obligations under the Equalities Act 2010 and in particular, but not exclusively, the Public Sector Equality Duty. The Council is satisfied that the report proposes no discrimination on users of the public highway with those characteristics considered protected from discrimination under that duty.

Wards: Idle & Thackley, Windhill & Wrose

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Regeneration and Environment

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report considers an objection to recently advertised proposals for traffic calming measures on Highfield Road, Bradford.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The scheme was prioritised by the Bradford East Area Committee following officer recommendations on the basis of the collisions history including recent evidence of a vehicle losing control and crashing through the adjacent primary school boundary fence.
- 2.2 At the Bradford East Area Committee held on the 5 July 2022, funding was approved as part of the Safe Roads schemes programme to introduce traffic safety measures on Highfield Road around Blakehill Primary School, Bradford.
- 2.3 A proportion of the proposals lies within the Shipley constituency (Windhill and Wrose ward). Approval for this element of the scheme was attained via a Strategic Director Decision Sheet.
- 2.4 The location of the proposed traffic calming measures is shown on drawing nos. HS-TRSS-105349-JH01.4, attached as Appendix 1.
- 2.5 The proposals were advertised between 19 January 2023 and 9 February 2023. Consultation letters and plans were also delivered to residents and businesses in the immediate vicinity of the proposals. This resulted in one objection.
- 2.6 A summary of the valid points of objection and corresponding officer comments is tabulated below:

Objectors Concerns	Officers Comments
1, The drivers focus on navigating the humps and fail to focus on the route ahead, This will generate another hazard	1, Whilst navigating any section of highway there are multiple hazards which need to be considered and negotiated, vertical traffic calming is commonplace on many roads throughout the UK. The installation of vertical traffic calming has been proven to reduce the level of injury accident to all highway users including pedestrians
2, The Slowing, if any and accelerating after the humps particularly in an area of a school is not conducive to a clean air environment	2, Conflicting studies have been produced regarding this issue. Some studies have stated nitrogen oxide levels increased in slower driving conditions, where as Carbon Monoxide

<p>3, The additional noise caused by the driving over the humps and accelerating afterwards will cause an additional noise nuisance</p>	<p>and Hydro Carbon emissions were reduced. Other studies have shown that all levels of pollution were lowered. Having said this, we have to balance, taking action to reduce traffic collisions and increase road safety for all users against the issue of pollution.</p> <p>3, There is an argument to suggests that certainly in the settling in period of the scheme there will be an increase in noise as driver get used to the new features. However, this can often be counterbalanced by the reduction of engine noise from speeding vehicles in the area. Ultimately, consideration has to be given to the fact that the increase in safety will outweigh any potential low level increase in noise.</p>
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3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The scheme also includes a proposed 20mph speed limit; there have been no objections to this element of the proposals.
- 3.2 Local ward members and the emergency services have been consulted on the proposals, no adverse comments have been received.
- 3.3 The objection is also scheduled for consideration by the meeting of the Shipley Area Committee on 8 March 2023. Members of that committee will be verbally updated on the outcome of this committee.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 The estimated cost of the proposals is £25,000. This can be met from the 2022/23 Safe Roads Budget previously approved by this committee.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- 5.1 A failure to implement highway safety improvements would result in ongoing concern about the safety at this location and the likelihood of continued collisions/casualties.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

- 6.1 There are no specific issues arising from this report. The course of action proposed is in accordance with the Council's powers as Highway Authority.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no Sustainability implications arising from this report.

7.2 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

There is no impact on the Council's own and the wider District's carbon footprint and emissions from other greenhouse gases arising from this report.

7.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

The implementation of traffic calming measures around should lead to a reduction in vehicle speeds and help to improve road safety and reduce casualty levels.

7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

There are no implications on the Human Rights Act

7.5 TRADE UNION

None

7.6 WARD IMPLICATIONS

Ward members have been consulted on the proposals.

7.7 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS (for reports to Area Committees only)

None

7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

None.

7.9 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

None

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9. OPTIONS

9.1 That notwithstanding the objection given other material considerations, including those relating to road safety for members of the public the proposal be implemented as advertised.

9.2 That the objection be upheld and the proposal be abandoned.

9.3 Councillors may propose an alternative course of action from that recommended on which they will receive appropriate officer advice.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That notwithstanding the objection for the reasons given in this report the proposed traffic calming measures on Highfield Road be implemented as advertised.

10.2 That the proposed 20mph speed limit on a section of Highfield Road and adjacent roads be implemented as advertised.

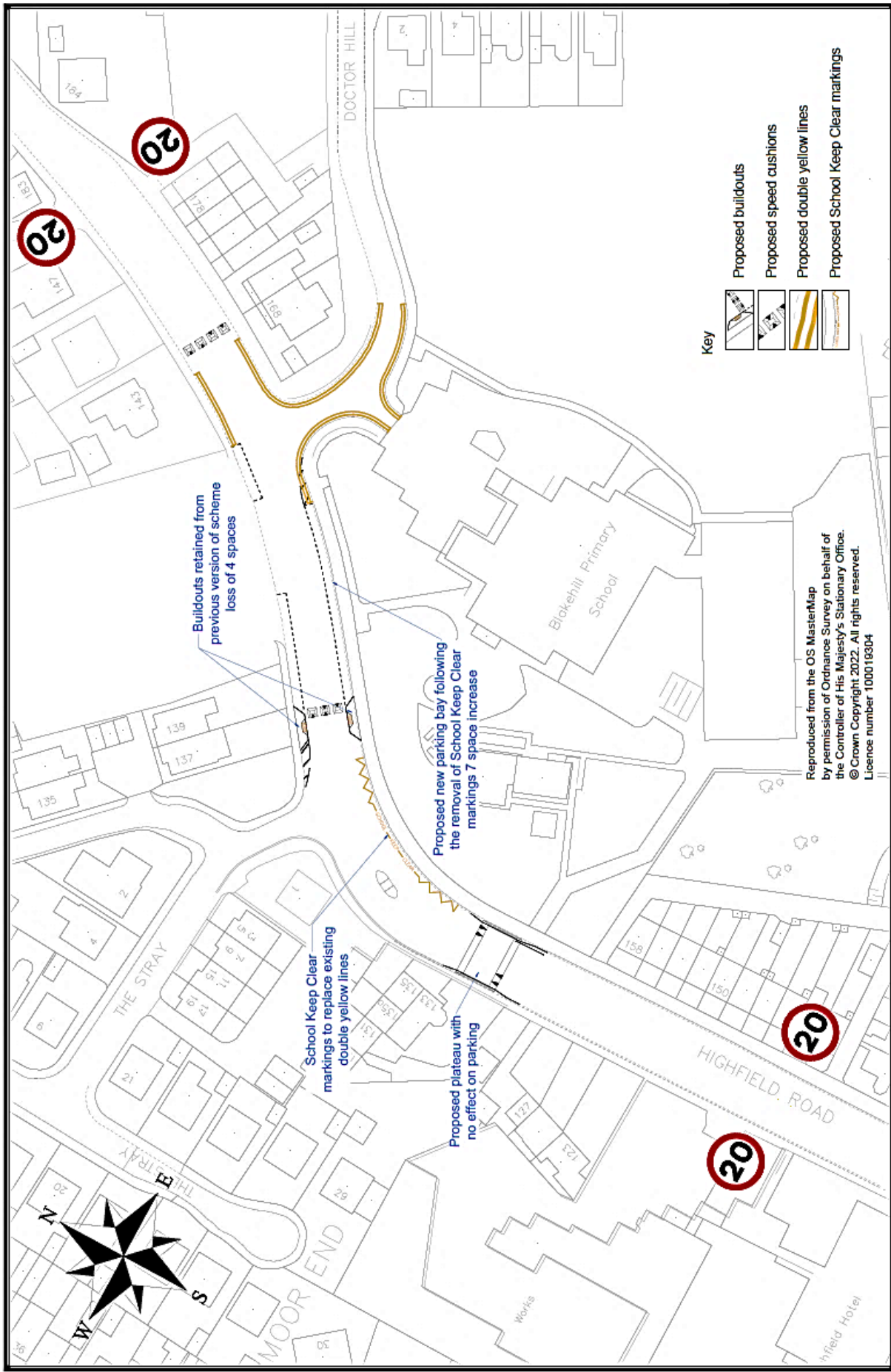
10.2 That the objector be informed accordingly.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Drawing HS-TRSS-105349-JH01.4

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1 City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council File Ref: HS-TRSS-105349



 City of BRADFORD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL		Planning, Transportation & Highways Service		Project: Proposed Traffic Calming Highfield Road	
Department of Place		Strategic Director: Jason Longhurst		Client:	
Date: 2022		Scale: 1:1000		Drawing No: HS-TRSS-105349-JH01.4	
Engineer's Name: Richard Geber B.Eng(Hons), I.Eng, MICE		Checked: JH		Proposed layout of traffic calming and 20mph limit	
Date: Dec 22		Approved: AS		Drawing Title:	
Revision: A Original		Date:		Drawing No:	
Initials:		Date:		Drawing No:	

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